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CHEROKEE FOR USDEL CAIRO NO. 15

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR JO EG IS XF

SUBJECT: HUSSEIN AND THE SADAT-BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING FROM SECRETARY

REF: AMMAN 9575

1. PLEASE TELL KING HUSSEIN I HAVE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU REFTEL AND MAKE THE POINTS BELOW:

2. I WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT MORE LENGTH IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN RESPONSE TO HIS THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION

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OF HIS OWN FUTURE ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AFTER WE HAVE ASSESSED THE SADAT-BEGIN TALKS. FOR THE MOMENT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM IMPRESSED BY THE ALMOST UNIQUE AND VERY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION HE IS ALREADY MAKING. HE IS NOT ONLY ABLE TO TALK EFFECTIVELY WITH ALL THE ARAB PARTIES--SYRIAN, SAUDI, EGYPTIAN--BUT HIS COUNSELS OF MODERATION, HIS SUPPORT FOR SADAT, AND HIS EFFORT TO CLOSE

THE GAPS ARE ALSO OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AT THIS TIME.
BEYOND THAT, I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OPPORTUNITY
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